

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A structural assembly comprising:

a first pre-cured assembly; and

a 3-D woven textile pre-form that is coupled to said first pre-cured assembly with a film adhesive, wherein said first pre-cured assemblies, said 3-D woven textile pre-form, and film adhesive are cured to form the structural assembly.

2. The structural assembly of Claim 1 further comprising: at least one additional assembly wherein said at least one additional assembly is coupled and cured to said first pre-cured assembly and said 3-D woven textile preform with a film adhesive.

3. The structural assembly of Claim 2, wherein said at least one additional assembly is a metal assembly or a pre-cured assembly.

4. The structural assembly of Claim 2, wherein said first pre-cured assembly and said at least one additional assembly are pre-cured laminated composite structures.

5. The structural assembly of Claim 1, wherein said 3-D woven textile pre-form is impregnated with an uncured resin.

6. The structural assembly of Claim 2, wherein said first pre-cured assemblies, said 3-D woven textile pre-form, and film adhesive are cured in an autoclave with heat and pressure.

7. The structural assembly of Claim 2, where said pressure is applied with a pressure intensifier located proximate to said pre-cured assemblies and said 3-D woven textile pre-form.

the Hard with representation of the properties o

Suba

5

10

15

20

30

15



8. The structural assembly of Claim 2, wherein said pre-assemblies, said 3-D woven textile pre-form, and film adhesive are cured with a low temperature vacuum bag.

- 5 9. The structural assembly of Claim 2, wherein said pre-assemblies, said 3-D woven textile pre-form, and film adhesive are cured with an E-Beam cure resin system.
  - 10. The structure assembly of Claim 2, further comprising composite overwrap plies on the exterior surface of said 3-D woven textile pre-form.
  - 11. The structural assembly of Claim 2, wherein said pressure intensifier comprises a flexible material that forces said 3-D woven textile against said first pre-cured assembly and said at least one additional assembly.

12. The structural assembly of Claim 1, wherein said 3-D woven textile further comprises at least one fiber woven through critical intersection zones.

10

15

all with that talls to that talls the think that

Suta9.

A method of forming structural assemblies, comprising the steps

affixing a first adhesive film in between a first pre-cured assembly and a 3-D woven textile pre-form;

5

affixing an additional adhesive film between at least one additional precured assembly and said 3-D we'ven textile; and

curing said adhesive films to form the structural assembly.

13, wherein said 3-D woven textile pre-form 14. The method of Caing is impregnated with an uncured

10

The method of Claim 13, wherein said first pre- cured assembly 15. and said at least one additional pre-cured assembly are pre-cured, laminated composite structures.

15

THE STATE OF STATE AND AND STATE OF STA

The method of Claim 14/wherein said step of curing said adhesive films, said 3-D woven textile pre-form, and film adhesive is implemented in an autoclave with heat and pressure.

20

17. The method of Claim 16, where said pressure is applied with a pressure intensifier located proximate to said pre-cured assemblies and said 3-D woven textile pre-form.

The method of Claim 16, wherein said step of curing is nplemented within a low temperature vacuum bag.

19. The method of Claim 16, wherein said step of curing is implemented with an E-Beam cure resin system.

The method of Claim 16, further comprising the step of applying composite overwrap plies on exterior surfaces of said 3-D woven textile pre-form.

Gray Cary\AU\4038851.1 103705-991880





The method of Claim-17, wherein said pressure intensifier comprises a flexible material that forces said 3-D woven textile against said first pre-cured assembly and said at least one additional pre-cured assembly.

7

22. The method of Claim 21, wherein said flexible material is rubber.

23. The method of Claim 13, wherein said 3-D woven textile further omprises at least one fiber woven through critical intersection zones.

34V

the the first of the first of the first of the





24. A method of forming structural assemblies with pre-cured laminated composite structures, comprising the steps of:

affixing a first adhesive film in between a first pre-cured laminated composite structures and a 3-D woven textile pre-form;

affixing an additional adhes ve film between at least one additional precured laminated composite structures and said 3-D woven textile; and

curing, with heat and/or pressure, said adhesive films, said first pre-cured laminated composite structures, said at least one additional pre-cured laminated composite structures and a 3-D woven textile pre-form to form the structural assemblies.

25. The method of Claim 24, wherein said 3-D woven textile pre-form is impregnated with an uncured resin.

26. The method of Claim 25, where said pressure is applied with pressure intensifiers located proximate to said pre-cured laminated composite structures, and said 3-D woven textile pre-form.

27. The method of Claim 26, wherein said step of curing is implemented within a low temperature vacuum bag.

28. The method of Claim 26, wherein said step of curing is implemented with an E-Beam cure resin system.

29 The method of Claim 26, further comprising the step of applying composite overwrap plies on exterior surfaces of said 3-D woven textile pre-form.

30. The method of Claim 26, wherein said pressure intensifier comprises a flexible material that forces said 3-D woven textile pre-form against said first pre-cured laminated composite structures and said at least one additional pre-cured laminated composite structures.

Gray Cary\AU\4038851.1 103705-991880

5

10

then then where they then a spen man point from

<u>ļ</u> =

Sul

30

19

The method of Clairs 30, wherein said flexible material is rubber. 31.

The method of Claim 24, wherein said 3 D weven textile pre-form?

ĹŊ